

YMI Seminarian Educational Foundation (SEF)

Minutes from the May 4, 2023 Meeting

Call to Order: President Larry Andreatta #32 called the SEF meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. via Zoom.

Opening Prayer: Br. Steve Cresci #32 began the meeting with an opening prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance Br. Tom Fourie #32 led the pledge, with all YMI Brothers joining him.

Roll Call:

Present were:	L Andreatta, President #32	N. Franceshine, #54, VP	
	T. Fourie, Treasurer #32	M. Amato, Secretary #613	
	C. Amato, #613	B. Bartoli, #32.	S. Cresci, #32
	L. Evans. #80	M. Nelson, #80	P. Oberst #32

Excused were: Fr. A. D'Heredia, #32 M. Dimech, #613

Absent were: Fr. P. Gobbo, #2 B. Avery #80 D. Fonseca #99 S. Davis, #32

Reading of the Minutes: The distributed minutes of the February 2nd SEF meeting were approved unanimously after a motion was made by Br. Andreatta #32 and seconded by Br. Fourie #32.

Treasurer's report: Br. Fourie #32 provided an overview of the Treasurer's Report covering the activity for the period ending March 31, 2023. Report will also be included in the Advanced Proceedings document to be provided for the Grand Council Sessions. Motion to approve the report was made by Br. Evans #80 and seconded by Br. Bartoli #32 and the motion was approved unanimously.

Reading of the bills: Br. Fourie #32 reported no bills were received during the period.

Communications: Br. Fourie, #32 reported receiving a letter addressed to Br. Cosmo Amato inviting him to attend an ordination for two deacons to be held in Hawaii.

Committee reports: None.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

- **Seminarian Applications:** Br. Fourie #32 reported receiving a record-high 59 seminarian applications this year seeking YMI Scholarships. The applications came from 9 different locations/sources with the most coming from the Fresno Diocese (19 applications), followed by the San Francisco Diocese (8 applications), and then the Hawaii, Oakland, and San Jose Dioceses (each with 7 applications). After applying the approved YMI scholarship criteria, the 59 applications totaled \$35,300. Br. Fourie recommended adoption of the applications but indicated that a significant portion of the funds would need to come from the two SEF investment accounts. Motion 1) to approve all 59 applications and 2) to take 50% of the funds from each of our two SEF investment accounts was made by Br. Bartoli #32 and seconded by Br. C. Amato #613. Motion was approved unanimously.
- **2023-2024 Board Officers:** With the 3-year terms of Bartoli, Dimech, and Gobbo coming to an end soon and Br. Fonseca's ex officio term on the SEF also ending, discussion about filling 3 upcoming Board vacancies ensued. Br. Bartoli indicated he would be willing to serve another 3-year term. As Br. Dimech, Br. Fonseca, and Fr. Gobbo were each absent, Br. Andreatta will contact them individually to see if any of them would like to continue serving the SEF Board.
- **Grand Council Session:** All SEF officers were expected to attend the Grand Council Sessions in June at Lake Tahoe, as well as many Board members. Hence, the SEF is expected to be able to hold its meeting there on June 20th.

Good of the Order:

- **Matching Funds:** Br. Bartoli #32 reported that Educational Foundation checks for its Matching Funds Program were recently issued to participating YMI Councils.

- **Italian Heritage Parade in SF:** Br. M. Amato #613 reported that this year's parade queen is the daughter of a YMI member (i.e., Mia Soracco, daughter of Br. Joe Soracco). YMI will be participating in the parade this year.

Adjournment: After thanking the Board for participating in the meeting, President Andreatta #32 called for adjournment at 8:04 p.m. The next meeting will be held in Lake Tahoe on June 20th and the next one after that will be held over Zoom on September 7th at 7:30 p.m.

Closing Prayer: Was led by Br. Nick Franceschine #54.

Respectfully submitted; *Brother Mike Amato*, Secretary.

2022-23 Board Members Roll:	Term Ends
President, Larry Andreatta #32	2025
V.P., Nick Franceschine #54 (IPGP)	2025
Treasurer, Tom Fourie #32 (PGP)	2025
Secretary, Mike Amato #613 (PGP)	2024
Rev. Fr. Agnel De Heredia #32 (GC)	ex officio
Darrell Fonseca #99 (GP)	ex officio
Steve Cresci #32 (GFVP)	ex officio
Bill Avery #80 (GSVP)	ex officio
Rev. Fr. Paolo Gobbo #2	2023
Bob Bartoli #32 (PGP)	2023
Mike Dimech #613 (PGP/GS)	2023
Phil Oberst #32 (PGP)	2024
Luther Evans #80 (PGP)	2024
Mike Nelson #80 (PGP)	2024
Cosmo Amato #613 (GIS)	2025
Financial Adviser Steve Davis #32	non-voting



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